

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT FOR H.R. 675  
OFFERED BY MR. PFLUGER OF TEXAS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Space Act of  
3 2023”.

**4 SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON GRANT OF CERTAIN SATELLITE  
5 LICENSES, UNITED STATES MARKET ACCESS,  
6 OR EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secure and Trusted Commu-  
8 nications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)  
9 is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating sections 10 and 11 as sec-  
11 tions 11 and 12, respectively; and

12 (2) by inserting after section 9 the following:

**13 “SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON GRANT OF CERTAIN SATELLITE  
14 LICENSES, UNITED STATES MARKET ACCESS,  
15 OR EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may not grant  
17 a license for, or a petition for a declaratory ruling to ac-  
18 cess the United States market using, a geostationary orbit

1 satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-  
2 tem, or an authorization to use an individually licensed  
3 earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if such  
4 license, grant of market access, or authorization would be  
5 held or controlled by—

6 “(1) an entity that produces or provides any  
7 covered communications equipment or service; or

8 “(2) an affiliate (as defined in section 3 of the  
9 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153)) of an  
10 entity described in paragraph (1).

11 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) BLANKET-LICENSED EARTH STATION.—  
13 The term ‘blanket-licensed earth station’ means an  
14 earth station that is licensed with a geostationary  
15 orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit  
16 satellite system.

17 “(2) GATEWAY STATION.—The term ‘gateway  
18 station’ means an earth station or a group of earth  
19 stations that—

20 “(A) supports the routing and switching  
21 functions of a geostationary orbit satellite sys-  
22 tem or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-  
23 tem;

24 “(B) may also be used for telemetry, track-  
25 ing, and command transmissions;

1           “(C) does not originate or terminate com-  
2           munication traffic; and

3           “(D) is not for the exclusive use of any  
4           customer.

5           “(3) INDIVIDUALLY LICENSED EARTH STA-  
6           TION.—The term ‘individually licensed earth station’  
7           means—

8           “(A) an earth station (other than a blan-  
9           ket-licensed earth station) that sends a signal  
10          to, and receives a signal from, a geostationary  
11          orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary  
12          orbit satellite system; or

13          “(B) a gateway station.”.

14          (b) APPLICABILITY.—Section 10 of the Secure and  
15          Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, as added  
16          by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to the grant  
17          of a license, petition, or authorization on or after the date  
18          of the enactment of this Act.

19          (c) RULES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
20          the enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications  
21          Commission shall issue rules to implement section 10 of  
22          the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of  
23          2019, as added by subsection (a).

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend the  
Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of  
2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commis-

sion from granting a license or United States market access for a geostationary orbit satellite system or a non-geostationary orbit satellite system, or an authorization to use an individually licensed earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license, grant of market access, or authorization would be held or controlled by an entity that produces or provides any covered communications equipment or service or an affiliate of such an entity, and for other purposes.”.

